

PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, Inc.
GAMMA ETA SIGMA CHAPTER ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

TO: HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELORS
FROM: PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, Inc., GAMMA ETA SIGMA
CHAPTER TAMPA, FLORIDA

On January 9, 1914, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated was founded at Howard University by three men of vision. The founding principles of the fraternity are Scholarship, Brotherhood and Service.

Continuing those ideals, the brothers of Gamma Eta Sigma chapter of the fraternity are seeking applicants for three scholarships. The purpose of the Gamma Eta Sigma Scholarship program is to recognize and reward outstanding academic and community achievement of young men who are graduating seniors from public schools in the city of Tampa and Hillsborough County and have been accepted by accredited, four-year colleges and universities, with the intent of furthering their studies.

To qualify, applicants must be in their senior year of high school, complete all application forms, including supporting documentation and submit their complete applications by April 30th. Only one application is to be submitted. Applications and accompanying documentation must be typed and eligibility criteria must be strictly followed. Failure to follow the criteria will result in disqualification for the scholarship.

THE AWARD

The recipient and Guidance Counselor in your school will be notified by mail. The letter will indicate the scholarship amount. Funds will be disbursed upon receipt of proof of the student's enrollment for the fall semester of the current year.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Each applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be a graduating senior enrolled in a public school in Hillsborough County.
- Possess a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.75 or higher based on a 4.0 scale.
- Be accepted for full-time study at an accredited four- year college or university and provide proof of acceptance.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Applicants must submit a sealed official high school transcript.
2. Applicants must submit two (2) letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a teacher or counselor.
3. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and submit a Student Aid Report (SAR).
4. Applicants must demonstrate community involvement by documenting contributions made in both school and the community and /or by participating in Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity programs.
5. Applicants must submit a 500-word essay discussing one of the following topics:
 - a. How the concepts of Brotherhood, Scholarship and Service can positively impact today's society?
 - b. Who has most influenced your academic journey and how?
 - c. Describe how your college education will assist you in your career plans and how you will benefit your community.
6. Completed, signed and dated application packages (including transcripts, letters of acceptance, and letters of recommendation) must be submitted by regular mail to the contact address. **Incomplete and late applications will not be considered. Please proofread your application package prior to submission.**
7. Applicants must use the official Scholarship Application.
8. The application package must be postmarked no later than the deadline of April 30th.

Mailing Address:

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Gamma Eta Sigma Chapter

Attn: Scholarship Committee

PO Box 310486

Tampa, Florida 33680-0486

RECENT HONORS AND AWARDS

ESSAY

On a separate page, please respond to **one** of the following topics/ questions. Your response must be 500 typed words:

- a. How the concepts of Brotherhood, Scholarship and Service can positively impact today’s society?
- b. Who has most influenced your academic journey and how?
- c. Describe your future plans and how your college education will support you in achieving your goals.

Reminder:

Review the criteria for selection carefully to ensure all requirements have been met. Make sure you sign and date the application. This form must be completed in its entirety. Use additional paper if necessary. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. **Applications must be postmarked by April 30th.**

Signature_____ Date_____

